Form NLRB - 501 (2-08)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

INSTRUCTIONS:

 DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

 Case
 Date Filed

 28-CA-281240
 August 10, 2021

File an original of this charge with NLRB Regional Director in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.	
EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT	

a. Name of Employer		b. Tel. No.						
Amazon, LLC		(888)892-7180						
		c. Cell No.						
d. Address (street, city, state ZIP code)	e. Employer Representative	f. Fax No.						
6001 E Tropical Pkwy, Las Vegas,	Tom Smotrich							
NV 89115	General Manager	g. e-Mail						
	Ĭ	smotrich@amazon.com						
		h. Dispute Location (City and State)						
		Las Vegas, NV						
 Type of Establishment (factory, nursing home, hotel) 	j. Principal Product or Service	k. Number of workers at dispute location						
Warehouse	Inbound dock receive/shipping	~5000						
I. The above-named employer has engaged in and	is engaging in unfair labor practices within the mea	ning of section 8(a), subsections (1) of the						
National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair lab	or practices are practices affecting commerce within	the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor						
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(12) (12) (12) (13)		4c. Cell No.						
		(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)						
		4d. Fax No.						
		4e. e-Mail						
		(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)						
Full name of national or international labor orga organization)	nization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor						
organización)								
6. DECLARATION		Tel. No.						
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		Office, if any, Cell No.						
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By:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an individual							
(signature of representative or person making c	harge) Print Name and Title	Fax No.						
Address: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Date: 7/26/2021	e-Mail						
		(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)						

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

REGION 28 2600 North Central Avenue Suite 1400 Phoenix, AZ 85004-3099

Agency Website: www.nlrb.gov Telephone: (602)640-2160 Fax: (602)640-2178

August 12, 2021



Amazon, LLC 6001 East Tropical Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89115

Re: Amazon, LLC

Case 28-CA-281240

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

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Very truly yours,

Cornele A. Overstreet Regional Director

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Enclosures:

- 1. Copy of Charge
- 2. Commerce Questionnaire

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

AMAZON, LLC Charged Party and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) AN INDIVIDUAL Charging Party	Case 28-CA-281240
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAIN I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Rel August 12, 2021, I served the above-entitled document following persons, addressed to them at the following Amazon, LLC 6001 East Tropical Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89115	ations Board, state under oath that on (s) by post-paid regular mail upon the
August 12, 2021 Pate	Mary H. Zorn, Designated Agent of NLRB Name

Signature



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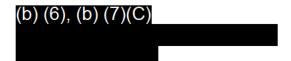
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August 12, 2021



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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

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Amazon, LLC	
and	CASE 28-CA-281240
Individual	
REGIONAL DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD Washington, DC 20570	GENERAL COUNSEL NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD Washington, DC 20570
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AMAZON, LLC	
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IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.	
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) BELOW:	
REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY	
☐ IF REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AGENCY IN BOX MUST BE CHECKED. IF THIS BOX IS NOT CHECKED, THE PARTY OF DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHARGES, PETITIONS AND FORMAL DOCUMENTS CASEHANDLING MANUAL.	ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW, THIS WILL RECEIVE ONLY COPIES OF CERTAIN
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MAILING ADDRESS: Seyfarth Shaw LLP, 233 South Wacker Driv	ve, Suite 6000, Chicago, IL 60606
E-MAIL ADDRESS: bstolzenbach@seyfarth.com	
OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 312-460-5000	
CELL PHONE NUMBER:	_{FAX:} 312-460-7000
/s/ Brian Stolzenbach	
SIGNATURE: (Please sign in ink.) DATE: 8-16-2021	

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ IF CASE IS PENDING IN WASHINGTON AND NOTICE OF APPEARANCE IS SENT TO THE GENERAL COUNSEL OR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, A COPY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE REGION IN WHICH THE CASE WAS FILED SO THAT THOSE RECORDS WILL REFLECT THE APPEARANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

AMENDED CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Case	Date Filed									
28-CA-281240	October 28, 2021									

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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October 29, 2021

Amazon, LLC 6001 East Tropical Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89115

Re: Amazon, LLC

Case 28-CA-281240

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Enclosure: Copy of first amended charge

cc: Brian Stolzenbach, Attorney at Law Seyfarth Shaw LLP

233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 8000

Chicago, IL 60606-6448

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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Charged Party

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) AN INDIVIDUAL

Charging Party

Case 28-CA-281240

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF FIRST AMENDED CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, being duly sworn, say that on October 29, 2021, I served the above-entitled document(s) by regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

Amazon, LLC 6001 East Tropical Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89115

Brian Stolzenbach, Attorney at Law Seyfarth Shaw LLP 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 8000 Chicago, IL 60606-6448

October 29, 2021	Mary H. Zorn, Designated Agent of NLRB
Date	Name
	/s/ Mary H. Zorn
	Signature

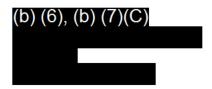


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 28

AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC

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Case No. 28-CA-281240

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an Individual

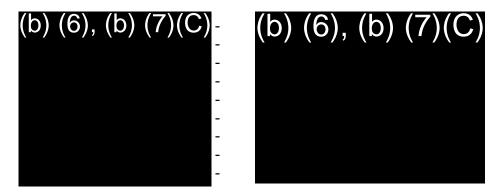
COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

This Complaint and Notice of Hearing is based on a charge filed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(c). It is issued pursuant to Section 10(b) of the National Labor Relations Act (the Act), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq., and Section 102.15 of the Rules and Regulations of the National Labor Relations Board (the Board) and alleges that Amazon.com Services LLC (Respondent) has violated the Act as described below.

- 1. (a) The charge in this proceeding was filed by On August 10, 2021, and a copy was served on Respondent by U.S. mail on August 12, 2021.
- (b) The first amended charge in this proceeding was filed by October 28, 2021, and a copy was served on Respondent by U.S. mail on October 29, 2021.
- 2. (a) At all material times, Respondent has been a limited liability company with an office and place of business in Las Vegas, Nevada, (Respondent's facility) and has been engaged in the retail sale and distribution of goods throughout the United States.
- (b) In conducting its operations during the 12-month period ending August 10, 2021, Respondent derived gross revenues in excess of \$500,000.
- (c) During the 12-month period ending August 10, 2021, Respondent, in conducting its operations described above in paragraph 2(a), purchased and received at

Respondent's facility goods valued in excess of \$5,000 directly from suppliers located outside the State of Nevada.

- (d) At all material times, Respondent has been an employer engaged in commerce within the meaning of Section 2(2), (6), and (7) of the Act.
- 3. At all material times, the following individuals held the positions set forth opposite their respective names and have been supervisors of Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Act and agents of Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(13) of the Act.



- 4. (a) During the period from about January 2021 through June 21, 2021, Respondent's employee engaged in concerted activities with other employees for the purposes of mutual aid and protection by concertedly complaining to Respondent regarding the wages, hours and working conditions of Respondent's employees by raising concerns with others and Respondent about favoritism, supervisors' treatment of employees, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- (b) Since on or about February 10, 2021, Respondent has maintained the following overly-broad and discriminatory rules in its Owner's Manual and Guide to Employment, Appendix Standards of Conduct:

(1) The following work conduct infractions are regarded as extremely serious, and termination of employment may result following one offense:

[...]

• Assaulting, threatening, intimidating, coercing, or interfering with supervisors or fellow associates

[...]

(2) The following work conduct infractions are regarded as extremely serious, and termination of employment may result following one offense:

[...]

• Unauthorized removal of company documents

 $[\ldots]$

(3) The following work conduct infractions are regarded as extremely serious, and termination of employment may result following one offense:

[...]

 Leaving company premises without permission during assigned work hours (unpaid meal periods and paid rest breaks are not "work hours" for purposes of this policy)

[...]

- (4) The following work conduct infractions are considered serious and generally result in corrective action:
 - Unauthorized absence, excessive absenteeism, or any absence without notice

[...]

(5) The following work conduct infractions are considered serious and generally result in corrective action:

[...]

 Abusive, vulgar, or harassing language to a supervisor, fellow associate, or vendor

[...]

(6) The following work conduct infractions are considered serious and generally result in corrective action:

[...]

• Failure to adhere to starting time, quitting time, or break time policies, or wasting time

[...]

(7) The following work conduct infractions are considered serious and generally result in corrective action:

[...]

• Leaving a company-assigned work area during scheduled working hours without permission

[...]

- (c) In or about late-April or early May 2021, more precise dates presently unknown, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), at Respondent's facility, prohibited employees from discussing an on-going investigation of employee complaints about harassment and supervision.
- (d) On or about 2021, Respondent took away work responsibilities or duties, including making white board assignments and operating the forklift, from (10,007)6.
- (e) During the period from about late- 2021 through the end of 2021, Respondent more closely supervised and monitored work.

- (g) On or about June 20, 2021, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in a documented coaching:
- (1) threatened employees with unspecified reprisals for engaging in protected concerted activities;
- (2) promulgated an overly-broad rule or directive stating that all associates, regardless of position, are responsible for ensuring that the workplace is free from offensive behavior and harassment;
- (3) promulgated an overly-broad rule or directive stating that all associates must avoid any conduct that may be perceived as offensive and/or harassing;
- (4) promulgated an overly-broad rule or directive stating employees' language and actions are expected to be professional, without the use of profanity, and appropriate for the workplace;
- paragraphs 4(g)(2) through 4(g)(4) in response to employees' protected concerted activities;
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 - (h) On or about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2021, Respondent suspended
 - (i) On or about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2021, Respondent discharged (c) (6), (c) (7)(C).

- (j) Respondent engaged in the conduct described above in paragraph 4(f) because violated the overly broad rule described above in paragraph 4(b)(5) and to discourage employees from engaging in protected concerted activities.
- (k) Respondent engaged in the conduct described above in paragraphs 4(d), 4(e), 4(f), 4(h), and 4(i), because engaged in the conduct described above in paragraph 4(a), and to discourage employees from engaging in these or other concerted activities.
- 5. By the conduct described above in paragraph 4, Respondent has been interfering with, restraining, and coercing employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in Section 7 of the Act in violation of Section 8(a)(1) of the Act.
- 6. The unfair labor practices of Respondent described above affect commerce within the meaning of Section 2(6) and (7) of the Act.

The General Counsel seeks an Order providing for all relief as may be just and proper to remedy the unfair labor practices alleged, including, but not limited to, requirements that Respondent:

- (a) physically post and electronically distribute the Notice to Employees at all of Respondent's facilities in the United States and its Territories;
- (b) electronically distribute the Notice to Employees to all employees employed by Respondent in the United States and its Territories by text messaging, posting on social media websites, and posting on internal apps, if Respondent communicates with its employees by such means;
- (c) give a copy of the Board's Notice to Employees to all new employees, supervisors, and managers, upon hire, for a period of 1 year;

- (d) offer immediate and full reinstatement to former job, or if that job no longer exists, to substantially equivalent position, without prejudice to seniority or any other rights or privileges previously enjoyed;
- (e) make whole, including, but not limited to, by reimbursement for consequential harm incurred as a result of Respondent's unlawful conduct, including, but not limited to, emotional distress suffered as a direct and foreseeable result of the Respondent's unlawful conduct;
- (f) draft and send a letter to apologizing to for discharge and any hardship or distress it caused, and provide a copy of the letter to the Regional Director within 14 days of transmission;
- (g) schedule with the Regional Director or his designee one or more mandatory one-hour training sessions for all managers and supervisors employed by Respondent at its facility located at 6001 East Tropical Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada; and
- (h) permit a duly-appointed Board agent to enter Respondent's facility for a period of six months, at reasonable times and in a manner not to unduly interfere with the Respondent's operations, for the limited purpose of determining whether the Respondent is in compliance with the notice posting, distribution, and mailing requirements.

The General Counsel further seeks all other relief as may be just and proper to remedy the unfair labor practices alleged.

ANSWER REQUIREMENT

Respondent is notified that, pursuant to Sections 102.20 and 102.21 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, it must file an answer to the complaint. The answer must be

received by this office on or before April 15, 2022, or postmarked on or before

April 14, 2022. Respondent also must serve a copy of the answer on each of the other parties.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT at 9:00 a.m. (local time) on

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Dated at Phoenix, Arizona, this 1st day of April 2022.

/s/ Cornele A. Overstreet

Cornele A. Overstreet, Regional Director

Attachments

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD NOTICE

Case 28-CA-281240

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Case 28-CA-281240

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF: Complaint and Notice of Hearing (with forms NLRB-4338 and NLRB-4668 attached)

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, being duly sworn, say that on **April 1, 2022**, I served the above-entitled document(s) by **E-Issuance/Service and Certified Mail**, as noted below, upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

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April 1, 2022

Date

Dawn M. Moore,

Designated Agent of NLRB

Name

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AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC

and

Case No. 28-CA-281240

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an Individual

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Pursuant to Sections 102.20, 102.21, and 102.23 of the National Labor Relations Board's Rules and Regulations, Amazon.com Services LLC ("Respondent" or "Amazon") by and through its attorneys, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, hereby submits its Answer to the Complaint as follows:

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 1(a):

Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1(a) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 1(b):

Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1(b) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 2(a):

Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 2(a) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT \P 2(b):

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ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 2(c):

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ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 2(d):

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ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 3:

Respondent admits that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has held the position of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

for Amazon.

Respondent admits that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has held the position of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Amazon.

Respondent admits that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) both have held the position of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Amazon.

Respondent admits that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) both have held the position of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Amazon.

On information and belief, Amazon admits that has held the position of for Amazon.

Respondent denies that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) held the position of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Amazon.

On information and belief, Respondent denies that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) held the position of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Amazon.

Without further information regarding the times the General Counsel deems to be "material" to this matter, Respondent can neither admit nor deny that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

positions attributed to them by paragraph 3 of the Complaint at all material times.

Respondent admits that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) have been supervisors and agents of Amazon within the meaning of Sections 2(11) and 2(13) of the Act.

On information and belief, Respondent admits that (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) has been a supervisor and agent of Amazon within the meaning of Sections 2(11) and 2(13) of the Act.

Respondent denies that either (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been a supervisor or agent of Amazon, within the meaning of Sections 2(11) and 2(13) of the National Labor Relations Act.

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ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 4(a):

Without further information about alleged activities, Respondent can neither admit nor deny the allegations in paragraph 4(a) of the Complaint. Presently, however, Respondent denies knowledge of any concerted activities by during the time period referenced in paragraph 4(a) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 4(b):

Respondent denies that the rules identified in paragraph 4(b) of the Complaint are "overly-broad and discriminatory," but Respondent admits that those rules have been contained in its Owner's Manual and Guide to Employment, Appendix - Standards of Conduct, since at least February 10, 2021.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT \P 4(c):

Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 4(c) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 4(d):

Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 4(d) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 4(e):

Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 4(e) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT \P 4(f):

Respondent admits the allegation contained in paragraph 4(f) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 4(g):

Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 4(g)(1)-(7) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT \P 4(h):

Respondent admits the allegations contained in paragraph 4(h) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 4(i):

Respondent admits the allegation contained in paragraph 4(i) of the Complaint.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 4(j):

Respondent admits that the documented coaching referenced in paragraph 4(f) of the Complaint was issued to because of conduct that violated the Standard of Conduct described in paragraph 4(b)(5) of the Complaint. Respondent denies that the Standard is overly broad, denies that the documented coaching was issued to discourage employees from engaging in protected concerted activities, and denies that it was issued in response to protected concerted activity.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT ¶ 4(k):

Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 4(k) of the Complaint.

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Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint.

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ANSWER TO PRAYER FOR RELIEF:

Respondent denies that any of the requested relief is appropriate and requests dismissal of the Complaint in its entirety.

SEPARATE DEFENSES

Respondent asserts the following separate defenses to the Complaint without conceding that it bears the burden as to any of them:

- 1. Portions of the Complaint assert that unfair labor practices occurred more than six months before the filing of any unfair labor practice charge containing such allegations. The Board has no jurisdiction over such alleged unfair labor practices because they are barred by Section 10(b) of the Act.
 - 2. Any allegations not specifically admitted in any response are denied.
 - 3. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 4. The conduct that led to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) documented coaching was not protected concerted activity under Section 7 of the Act.
- 5. The conduct that led to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) dismissal from employment was not protected concerted activity under Section 7 of the Act.
- 6. The Board may not require any remedy, including the reinstatement of or the payment of any backpay, because was discharged for cause.
- 7. Any monetary damages claimed should be mitigated by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) earnings from other employment or other work and/or to the extent that failed to reasonably and diligently search for, or to accept any offers of, alternative employment.

8. The claims alleged in the Complaint are beyond the Regional Director's authority, jurisdiction, and power and are therefore barred in whole or in part because the claims are against public policy and they manifestly disregard the law.

9. The Complaint has been issued, in whole or in part, without substantial justification.

10. The Order sought by the General Counsel would violate the United States Constitution.

11. The Order sought by the General Counsel is not authorized by the National Labor Relations Act.

12. Pending the conclusion of further discovery and investigation, Respondent respectfully reserves the right to add such further or supplemental defenses as may be warranted by the information developed through discovery and proper to the full defense of this litigation.

Wherefore, Respondent requests that the Complaint be dismissed, with prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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